

## Big Negro Fair at Bunceton, Missouri, Sept. 9-10-11. Great Programme.

### MAYOR JOST URGED TO VETO ORDINANCE WHICH IS BOTH VICIOUS AND ILLEGAL.

September 3, 1914.  
Hon. Henry L. Jost, Mayor,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Dear Sir: Believing that you are the Mayor of the whole people, sincerely interested in seeing justice done to even the minority, the Negro Business League of Kansas City wishes to protest against the recent ordinance prohibiting the location of colored schools within a radius of twenty-four (24) feet of any white school, vice versa, and asks that you veto it. The sponsors for this bill are frank in admitting that its object is to prevent the use of the property at Thirty-third street and Jackson avenue for the school of the Negro Baptists of Missouri. So eager were they to attain this object that they jammed the ordinance through the council in one night, giving the friends of the school no chance to make objection, as might have been done had it laid over in the usual manner. Therefore, do not view our protest as a belated effort of indifference citizens, but as the only opportunity we have to protest against a monstrous wrong against social uplift, which short-sighted persons seek to sanctify.

The right to the use of one's property is so fundamental in our government that the supporters of this ordinance must show that the proposed school is a nuisance, a menace to society, for their measure to be justified; it is not enough that they deem it undesirable, or that they feel it will depreciate property. Your Magna Charta is too dearly bought, too long revered, to be swept aside now. The Negroes of Kansas City and the Negro Baptists of Missouri do not ask your veto of this ordinance merely because they believe it the exaltation of prejudice to the plane upon which only justice should stand, but they appeal to your pride of race.

Do not think for a moment that we believe there will be any depreciation of property because of this school. A business institution in which men are made, in which souls are uplifted to God, cannot depreciate property! Its value to the community measured in money made, as well as in money saved through the lessening of crime, permits no such fallacious argument to stand. Every school building maintained by this city for the education of colored youth is an admission that the ordinance is hypocritical. If its supporters believe their own preferences, based upon its effects upon the immediate neighborhood should outweigh the benefit to our city, then the city is unwise to give up the greater good for the lesser.

You may know how difficult it is for the Negro citizen to find a home. Prejudice and business combine to force him into unsanitary houses and undesirable locations. For a school, this difficulty is many times greater. Therefore, when we, without expense to the commonwealth, from our small incomes as laborers and artisans, establish a school such as this, emulating the sacrifice of the founders of the schools in which your race takes pride, it is a monstrous wrong to have our rights of property in this school limited or destroyed for any reason. The white neighbors can buy elsewhere, the Negro school cannot. In your decision, if you view it only as a money matter, do not overlook the tremendous sacrifice we have made.

If this were all, we would feel we had made a good case against the ordinance. But a graver side still remains to be shown. This ordinance is the work of men who care nothing for the consequences so long as their purposes are achieved. It is not conceived in a spirit of fairness. It is the mailed fist, not the aspiration of the people for better men, either white or black. With Negro schools now three hundred (300) feet from white schools, both doing their good work unhampered, it is nonsense to say this one will be a nuisance at two thousand (2,000) feet hundred feet (?). Therefore, if once this ordinance becomes a law who can set a limit to the legislation which hate will contrive? If you feel that you can overlook the effect of all such legislation upon you, do so. Still you know from your own heart, and from history that overweening self-esteem when translated into law, begets weakness in government. It is inevitable. Men scoff at their religion when it is empty, and they will scorn their own laws when they fail to express justice and equity. You, as the Mayor of this city, have a grave responsibility in this matter, and not merely for our sake, but in order that we both may hand down to our children the law, the ark of our safety, more resplendent than when we received it, we ask you to veto this ordinance.

With the highest regard for your fairness, we beg to remain,  
Yours for justice and fair play,  
F. J. WEINER, Pres.  
E. A. ROBINSON, Secy.  
NELSON C. CREWS,  
Chairman Executive Committee.

#### NOTICE.

The Negro Business League Directory does not appear in this week's paper.

Lawrence, Kan., Sept. 3.—The finest concert that ever has been rendered here was given by a company of young people from Kansas City, in the persons of the Misses Helen Minnis and Mabel and Pauline Vaughan, the latter the daughters of Rev. E. R. Vaughan, our minister pro tem, and Mr. John Harrison. The program was entirely musical, and encore upon encore was accorded them, and they happily responded. Miss Minnis is a graduate of the musical department of Western University, of which school also the Misses Vaughan are graduates. Miss Mabel Vaughan is supervisor of music in the colored schools of Claremore, Okla., and Miss Pauline Vaughan has been engaged to teach in a Kansas school this year. Mr. Harrison has studied in New York, and traveled extensively in Europe, Australia and England.

A dozen or more receptions will be given the young people Friday in appreciation of their splendid showing.

#### THE COLORED PEOPLES' INVESTMENT COMPANY

of 2427 Vine street recently sold the property located on the southeast corner of Twenty-ninth and Norton avenue, to the Mount Olive Baptist Church, for a consideration of \$2,500. This property has a frontage of 70 feet on Norton, and has a large six-room house on it, and should make an ideal location for a church, as it is located in a thickly settled Negro district, which is growing rapidly. The Rev. C. T. Mosby, who acted for the church in securing this location, should be highly praised for his business methods, as everything went through without a hitch. Mr. Chas. Adkins handled the matter for the investment company in excellent manner.



REV. WILLIAM H. PECK.

The scholarly and eloquent presiding elder of the Southwest Missouri Conference, who will preach twice next Sunday at the last quarterly meeting of the year at Allen Chapel.

#### LABOR DAY BALL.

There will be a grand ball given the evening of Labor Day, September 7, at Lyric Hall, 1731 Lydia avenue, under the auspices of the People's Dancing Academy. The best orchestra in the city.

C. R. WEDDINGTON, Manager.  
PROF. J. C. HOBBS,  
Master of Ceremonies.

Miss Willa M. Glenn, manager of The Sun, spent the week with her parents at Galena, Kan. She reports her father, who recently met with a severe accident, rapidly recovering.

PROFESSOR RICHARDSON DEAD.  
Professor Herbert C. Richardson, principal of the colored schools at Kirksville, Mo., died August 14, 1914, at Fayette, Mo., and the body was taken to Glasgow, Mo., where he was born, for burial, under the auspices of the West Gate Lodge No. 38, K. of P., at Kirksville.

Mr. Richardson was a scholarly gentleman, and as tender as an early rose dripping with the dew of dawn, while his great heart overflowed with boundless love for every creature of God.

"I saw, methought, a glad surprise,  
Thrill through that frail and pain-worn frame,  
And, kindling in those deep calm eyes,  
A still and earnest flame.

"His few brief words were such as move  
The human heart. The faith some seeds  
Which ripen in the soil of love  
To high heroic deeds."

He knew no malice, nor was his soul acquainted with the ways of hate. West Gate Lodge and the entire community mourn his loss, and weep when they think upon his change, but they also remember these consoling words:

"Where is the victory of the grave?  
What dust upon his soul lies?  
God keeps the sacred life he gave;  
The prophet never dies."

What he was to West Gate Lodge may now in part, at least, be realized. What he was to the society of Kirksville and which, let us say, loved him ever for his willingness, was computed ere his body was consigned to the earth from which it sprang.

"He walked the dark world in the mild, still guidance of the light. In tearful tenderness, a child, a strong man in the right. All that is bright must fade; the brightest will be fleetest; all that's sweet was made, but to be lost when sweetest.

Respectfully,  
W. ADAMS, C. C.

L. F. HOCKADAY, K. R. S.

C. E. RICHARDS, M. F.

West Gate Lodge No. 28,  
Kirksville, Mo.

### "De Lil Brack Sheep"

Por lil brack sheep, done strayed away,  
Don los in de win and de rain;  
And de Shepherd, he say, "O, hirelin,  
Go, find my sheep again."  
But the hirelin frown—"O, Shepherd,  
Dat sheep am brack an bad."  
But the Shepherd, he smile, like de lil brack sheep,  
Was the onliest lamb he had.

An he say, "O, hirelin hasten,  
For de win an de rain am col,  
An dat lil brack sheep am lonesom,  
Out dar so far from de fol."  
De hirelin frown, "O, Shepherd,  
Dat sheep am ole an gray."  
But the Shepherd, he smile, like de lil brack sheep,  
Was fair as de break ob day.

An he say, "O, hirelin, hasten,  
Lo, here am de ninety-an-nine;  
But dar, way off from de sheep-fol,  
Is dat lil brack sheep ob mine."  
An de hirelin frown, "O, Shepherd,  
De rest ob de sheep am here."  
But de Shepherd, he smile, like de lil brack sheep,  
He hol it de mostest dear.

An de Shepherd go out in de darkness,  
Where de night was col and bleak,  
An dat lil brack sheep, he find it,  
And lay it 'gainst his cheek.  
An de hirelin frown, "O, Shepherd,  
Don' bring dat sheep to me."  
But de Shepherd, he smile, an he hol it close,  
An—dat lil brack sheep—was me!

### For Sweet Charity's Sake

Charity Carnival at Twentieth and Woodland, September 2-13. A combined effort. A combined effort of Associated Charities and Fraternal Organizations for benefit of Wheatley-Provident Hospital. Carnival entertainments, Free Picture Shows, Dancing, Competitive Drills, Baby Show and amusements of all kinds. Admission 10 cents.

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Executive Committee.

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The prettiest dinner party of the season was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ward, 1410 Vine street, in honor of their house guest, Mr. C. D. Frazier, of Grand Canyon, Arizona. The center of the table held a huge, beautiful vase of tiger lilies and roses designed by the Crestwater Floral company. The dinner, one of the most palatable affairs the guests had ever enjoyed, was of everything in season. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. James Crews, Mr. and Mrs. Alex. A. Moore, Miss Clara Elizabeth Moore, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Francis, Mrs. Albert Rummans, Mrs. Nannie Fields and Mr. Priest White, and Mr. C. D. Frazier, the guest of honor.

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DR. LLOYD C. BAILER.

Kansas City's successful young physician, who is the hustling manager of the Ideal Drug Store.

The marriage of Miss Edna Mae Herndon and Mr. Percy H. Lee was solemnized at the residence of the bride's parents, Thursday evening, August 27. The beautiful, impressive ceremony was used by Rev. William H. Peck, who officiated.

Preceding the ceremony, Miss Genevieve Wilson sang "Mine Alone."

Then, to the strains of Mendelssohn's beautiful "Wedding March" the bridal party entered.

The bride was attended only by her little brother, Master Thomas who bore a huge Easter lily containing the ring. Then came the bride, beautifully gowned, leaning on the arm of her father who gave her away.

Following the ceremony, there was a reception.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee are at home to their friends at 2445 Highland avenue.

#### A TENNIS DANCE.

A tennis tournament between Kansas City, St. Joseph, Topeka, Kan., Dalton, Mo., and Kansas City, Kan., started Friday morning at 10 o'clock, and will close this evening. Some of the crack players of the various cities are in attendance.

After the tournament, the Kansas City, Mo., Tennis Club will give a free dance at Lyric Hall, Saturday night, to the visiting guests and friends, and the champions of the Missouri Valley.

#### WANT A WIFE?

Boise, Idaho.  
Dear Editor: I write you in behalf of a friend of mine who is anxious to make the acquaintance of a good, kind and industrious man about fifty years of age, brown skinned and capable of making a good living. He must be honest and kind. I asked the lady, who is in my employ, what kind of a man she wanted. She replied: "I don't expect no Jesus or King, but I want a good man." Now, doubtless you have numbers of colored people in your town or city and perhaps many who would also like a good woman companion. The woman of whom I am writing is a most excellent cook, housekeeper, and a true and loyal friend—no kinder or better hearted woman lives on earth today than she of whom I write. I can give employment to such a man at \$25 per month, and he can live here if he marries our girl. My address is in the hands of the editor of the Kansas City Sun, which will be cheerfully given to any who is earnest and sincere.



#### A BUSINESS LETTER.

Dear Friend:—The European war will undoubtedly affect every industry, and the price of every article turned out. It is a notorious fact that no commodity will be cheaper. We do not wish to be quoted as alarmists, but in face of the fact that many shoe factories and tanneries have actually closed down, being unable to get raw material, and with prices on the present stock of leather and rubber advancing already above 25 per cent with the worst of the war to come, and a terrible winter predicted, we feel that we owe it to our friends and customers to give a word of warning in order that they may at once make their purchases of fall and winter shoes and rubbers.

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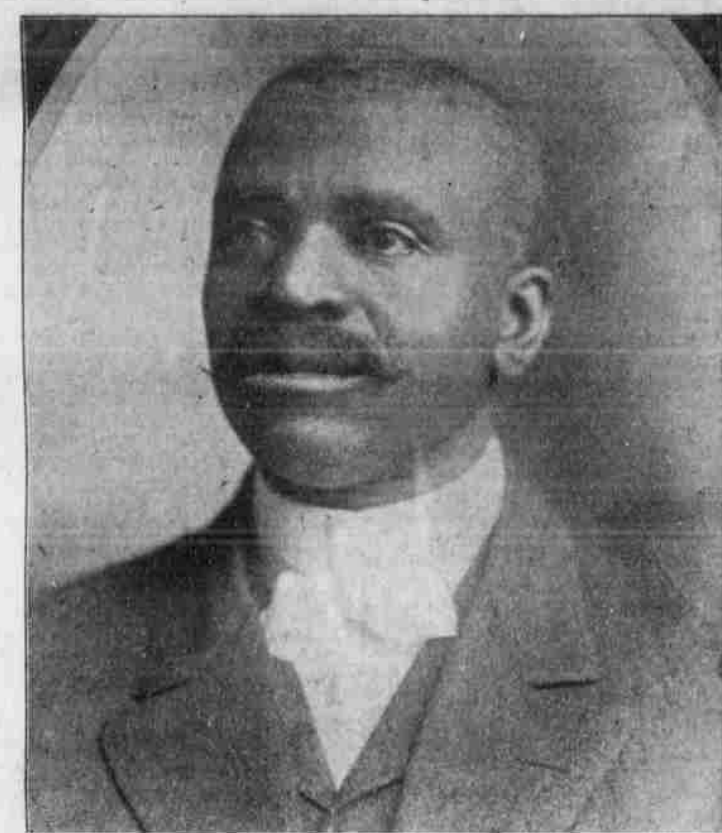
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VINE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.  
Mrs. Julia Clark Taylor and Mrs. Ella Cole Lawson are on the sick list, but they are better at this writing.

The Missouri and Kansas Association will convene September 24 at Mt. Pisaga Baptist church, and a large attendance is expected. Dr. T. H. Ewing, Moderator. Morning and evening services were well attended. Our pastor preached two very interesting sermons, and also gave an interesting talk on the Wheatley-Provident Hospital. He told of its needs and also spoke of the carnival which is to be given for the benefit of the hospital.

Brother George Taylor spent Saturday in Independence, visiting Mr. Ben Rhodes, who is very sick. Bro. Rhodes is a very distinguished gentleman of that city, and is one of the oldest deacons of the Second Baptist church.

Everybody's getting their winter meat off the ham tree at the Carnival. Have you got yours?



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#### MASTERPIECE OF NEGRO ELOQUENCE.

Sketch by Charles A. Starks.  
Here is a book that is peculiarly recommendable to every reader of Negro literature. It embraces all of the very cream of oratory that has been breathed out by the noble sons of Hama for over a hundred years. The orations embody the heart-felt feelings of pent-up souls which finally burst and emptied their great waters of eloquence upon mankind as the glorious river spend it all upon the sea. It is the immortal Frederick Douglass who speaks as the continuous roar of the oceans, always majestic, full of grandeur, never peaceful only when in the calm logic of Truth. Hear C. H. Langston plead at the Bar of (in-) Justice; follow W. S. Scarborough in his lofty flights on "Freedom"; listen to the "Defense of the Negro Race" by G. H. White; weep, then fight for the "Black Womanhood of the South," with Alexander Crummell. Gems of eloquence from Du Bois, Washington, and fifty of these Black Heroes to dwell with all the time. All the hopes, aspirations, the pains and sorrows of past centuries are told in glowing words, rivaling in sublimity

#### DR. E. T. McDOWELL PASSES AWAY.

The death of Dr. Edward T. McDowell, editor and publisher of the Protective Record, at Hannibal, Missouri, was a distinct shock to his friends throughout the entire state. Dr. McDowell's death was caused by burns received from the explosion of wood alcohol in his printing plant, and after days of intense suffering he passed away peacefully Sunday, August 30th. Dr. McDowell was rated one of the best pharmacists in the West, but for the past year had been managing the rapidly growing printing plant of the Record.

His parents are among the most distinguished and representative citizens of this state; his father being pastor of the First Baptist Church, Moderator of the North Missouri Association, president of the Home Protective Insurance Company, and president of the Record Publishing Company, and is also very prominent in the Masonic and other fraternal organizations. His mother, Mrs. McDowell, is Grand Most Ancient Marston of the Herolines of Jericho of Missouri and Jurisdiction, and is very prominent in church and club work in the state of Missouri, and was called to the bedside of her son from Jacksonville, Florida, where she was the honored guest of the grand court of that illustrious jurisdiction.

Dr. McDowell leaves besides his parents, a wife, formerly of Washington, D. C., and a sister, Mrs. Trent, of Burlington, Iowa.

He was a very brilliant and scholarly young man, having graduated from Douglass High School of Hannibal, Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City; Roger Williams University, Nashville, Tenn.; and Howard University, Washington, D. C., and at the time of his death was only 25 years old. He was a member of Braxton Lodge No. 28, A. F. and A. M., Hannibal, Missouri. The body was taken to Independence, Missouri, for interment, and the services were held from the Second Baptist Church, Rev. J. W. Beckum, pastor, and were as follows: Song, Baptist Church Choir; Scripture Lesson, Rev. J. M. Booker, D. D.; Prayer, Rev. M. L. Clay; Solo, Mr. Percy Lee; Resolutions by various organizations; Sermon, Rev. S. W. Racote, D. D.; Solo, Madame Corinne Lester; Remarks on behalf of the Masonic Fraternity, Grand Master N. C. Crews; Remarks on behalf of the Herolines of Jericho, Past Grand M. A. M., Nevada H. Kenner; Duet, Mesdames Brown and Garry; Benediction, Rev. J. W. Beckum, after which the remains were escorted by Western Hope Lodge No. 14, A. F. and A. M., to the cemetery, where the body was given the full Masonic burial. C. H. Countee, well-known undertaker, has charge of the funeral arrangements, which was an automobile funeral, and a large number of the ladies of the H. of J. from Kansas City, St. Joseph and other towns were in attendance.

The floral offerings were both beautiful and profuse, coming from every section of Missouri and adjoining states.

The Sun extends its deepest sympathy to the family in its hour of bereavement.

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